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SUBJ: ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, PROJECT XI-2.1;  
 HARMONIZATION OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION STANDARDS  
 1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING FROM DR. SIDNEY GALLER  
 TO KRUTOV OF GOSSTANDARD AND KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET,  
 2. MR. BORIS V. KRUTOV  
 DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION  
 STATE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS (GOSSTANDARD)  
 LENIN PROSPEKT, 9  
 MOSCOW, B-49  
 USSR

DEAR MR. KRUTOV:

IN RESPONSE TO THEME 7 OF THE WORK PROGRAM FOR PROJECT  
 XI-2.1 "HARMONIZATION OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION  
 STANDARDS," WE HAVE REVIEWED THE LIST OF USSR METROLOGIC  
 PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN THE  
 ACTIVITIES UNDER PROJECT XI-2.1.

THE SOVIET PROPOSALS ARE COMPREHENSIVE IN SCOPE AND IN  
 DEPTH. THIS HAS RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME OF  
 THE TOPICS CONTAINED IN THE SOVIET PROPOSALS MAY BE  
 THE SUBJECT OF OTHER US-USSR EXCHANGES. THIS IS  
 PARTICULARLY TRUE WITH RESPECT TO PROJECTS UNDER THE  
 US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT AS WELL AS UNDER VARIOUS  
 INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS GROUPS. WE THEREFORE  
 UNDERTOOK A SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE TOPICS  
 ON YOUR LIST FOR DETAILED CONSULTATION UNDER PROJECT XI-  
 2.1. OUR REVIEW INDICATED THAT THERE ARE ALREADY A  
 CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF ONGOING AND PLANNED EXCHANGES WITHIN  
 MANY OF THE TOPICS SUGGESTED AND THAT CARE MUST BE TAKEN  
 TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

THE COMPLEXITY OF METEOROLOGICAL STUDIES AND THE NUMBER OF  
 ONGOING PROJECTS IN THIS GENERAL AREA NECESSITATE, IN OUR  
 OPINION, DETAILED FACE-TO-FACE DISCUSSION ON WHICH TOPICS  
 WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE FOR INCORPORATION INTO PROJECT XI-

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2,1. THEREFORE, WE PREFER THAT THIS SUBJECT BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE SCHEDULED OCT VISIT OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION. AT THAT TIME, WE WOULD INVITE THE SELECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF REPS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ORGANIZATION, THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION, THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TESTING MATERIALS, AND OTHER INVOLVED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GROUPS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO PURSUING THIS MATTER AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING IF YOU FIND THIS SUGGESTION ACCEPTABLE.

SINCERELY,

SIDNEY R. GALLER

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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